



## Bring Your 4<sup>th</sup> Graders to Indiana Statehood Day !

**Dear Principals, Teachers, and Parents of Indiana 4<sup>th</sup> grade students,**

On December 11, 1816, Indiana was admitted as the 19<sup>th</sup> state to join the Union. On Friday December 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting “**Indiana Statehood Day**,” to celebrate Indiana’s 195<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Classes may choose to participate in one of two sessions of interactive activities, one morning; one afternoon, presented in locations all over the State House. They will include state agencies, all three branches of government, and historical groups.

**At noon all will be seated for an exciting program that will feature:**

- Guest speakers from of all three branches of state government.
- Bagpipers, Color Guard, Special music and important guests !!!
- Reading of the winning essay by its author. (see additional information about entering Statehood Day essay contest)
- Installation of the **original copies** of Indiana’s 1816 and 1851 State Constitutions by the State Archivist, into a specially designed display case in the Capitol Rotunda.
- Please call the Capitol Tour Office to make a reservation for the Statehouse activities (317-233-5293) or email [jhodge@idoa.in.gov](mailto:jhodge@idoa.in.gov). **Space is limited !!!!**

**Hope to see you and your 4<sup>th</sup> graders on Statehood Day !**

Sincerely,  
The Indiana Statehood Day Committee